

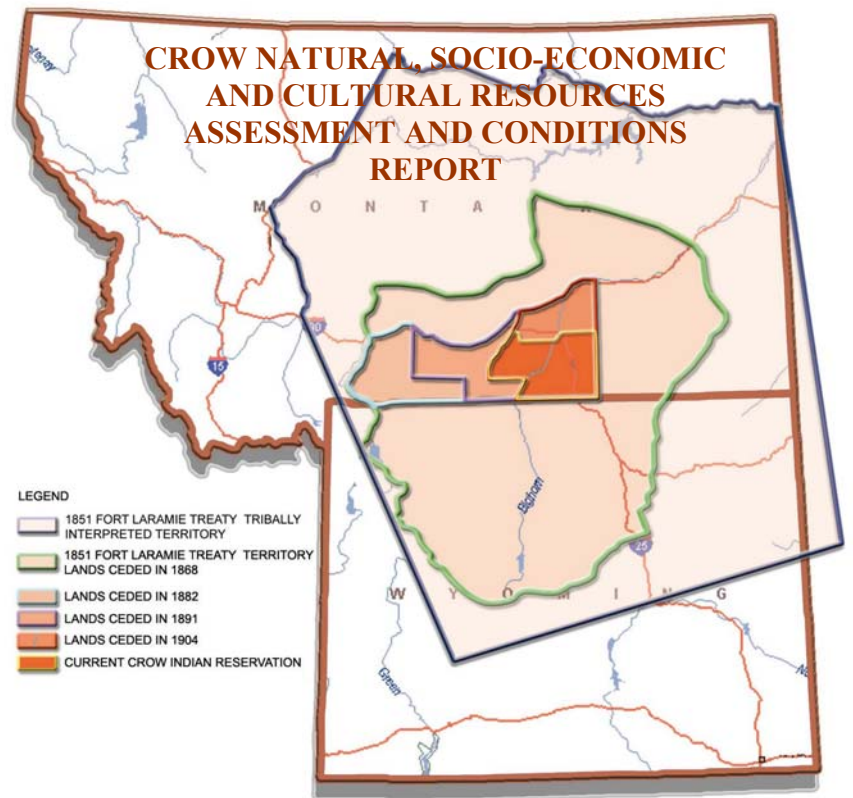


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NOTE

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC), and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are assessing alternatives for managing federal and state oil and gas resources. As part of their *Montana Statewide Revised Draft/Final Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans (Statewide Revised Draft/Final Oil and Gas EIS, January 2002/Summer 2002)*, the BLM requested that the Crow Tribe of Indians provide specific information regarding the natural, socio-economic, and cultural resources on the Crow Indian Reservation.

Information from a variety of sources was used in preparing this document, including tribal records and files, records and files of federal, state and local governments, literature, and personal interviews. No new or original studies were completed as part of this document.

While this document presents information about the Crow Tribe and the Crow Indian Reservation for inclusion in the Statewide Revised Draft/Final Oil and Gas EIS, the Tribe does not consider it to be complete for purposes of evaluating any specific project related to exploration or production of oil and gas resources on or near the reservation.

The format of this document is based on the format of Chapter 3: Affected Environment in the Statewide Draft Oil and Gas EIS. To the extent information was available and the schedule for data collection and document preparation (i.e., January-April 15, 2002), this document addresses the affected environment related to the resources of the Crow Indian Reservation.

This document does not represent comments of the Crow Tribe about the content of the Statewide Draft Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans (January 2002). The Tribe will provide their written comments by the May 15th, 2002 deadline.

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